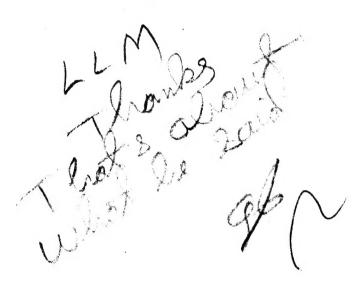
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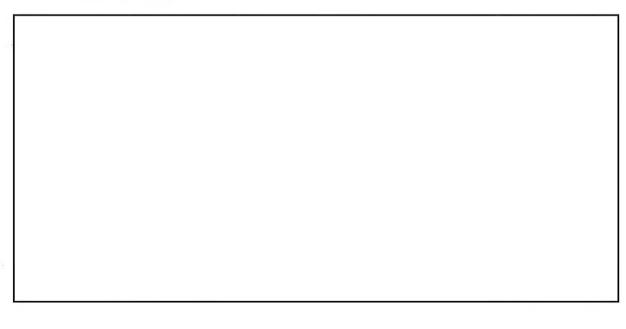
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Honorable John Sparkman, Chairman Honorable Clifford P. Case, Ranking Minority Member Committee on Foreign Relations United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Sirs:

I have your letter of 20 January 1976 concerning my decision to terminate distribution of the National Intelligence Daily to the Congress and regret that time will not permit me an opportunity to discuss the matter with the Committee in executive session. I gather from your letter that the Committee finds our intelligence product useful. I am pleased, for that was the reason for my decision to offer this material to various committees of Congress in the first instance.





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The Intelligence Checklist was designed to provide the same key items of intelligence provided in the Daily. Articles in the Checklist are selected from drafts prepared for the Daily. Items from other publications on topics of special interest to the Congress also are included in the Checklist. I want to emphasize that no attempt is made to cull out items on the basis of Washington political sensitivities. Sources, however, may be obscured on the assumption that it is the information that is important not where or how we got it. I believe you will be well served by the Checklist which represents a considerable step in our efforts to serve the Congress.

Again, I regret that my departure from the Agency will not permit me to appear before the Committee as you suggested, but I would like to take this opportunity to express to you and to the other members of the Committee, my deepest appreciation for the personal courtesies extended to me in the past.

Sincerely,

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The Committee strongly objects to this decision and urges you to reconsider, or to meet with the Committee in executive session at an early date to discuss the matter further.

The Committee is as concerned as you are about leaks of sensitive information, but these have all concerned covert operations. There has been no leak of material from the Daily.

Sincerely,

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